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Applicants: Szu-Min Lin et al.

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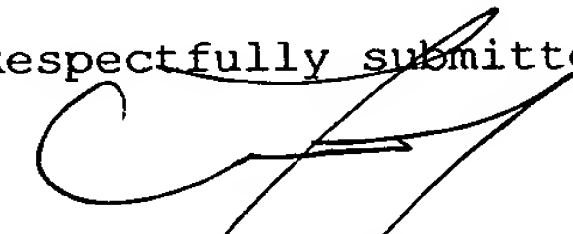
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004 for one(1) month(s) from April 20, 2004 to May 20, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,


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